

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A composition which comprises (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof and (ii) L-cysteine, ~~a derivative thereof~~ or a salt thereof.

2. (currently amended): A composition which comprises (i) 50 to 2,500 mg of tranexamic acid or a salt thereof and (ii) 30 to 750 mg of L-cysteine, ~~a derivative thereof~~ or a salt thereof, in terms of administrating amounts (doses) per day.

3. (original): A composition which comprises tranexamic acid and L-cysteine.

4. (original): A composition which comprises 50 to 2,500 mg of tranexamic acid and 30 to 750 mg of L-cysteine, in terms of administrating amounts (doses) per day.

5. (currently amended): A composition which comprises (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof, (ii) L-cysteine, ~~a derivative thereof~~ or a salt thereof and (iii) L-ascorbic acid, a derivative thereof or a salt thereof.

6. (currently amended): A composition which comprises (i) 50 to 2,500 mg of tranexamic acid or a salt thereof, (ii) 30 to 750 mg of L-cysteine, ~~a derivative thereof~~ or a salt thereof and (iii) 50 to 3,000 mg of L-ascorbic acid, a derivative thereof or a salt thereof, in terms of administrating amounts (doses) per day.

7. (original): A composition which comprises tranexamic acid, L-cysteine and L-ascorbic acid.

8. (original): A composition which comprises 50 to 2,500 mg of tranexamic acid, 30 to 750 mg of L-cysteine and 50 to 3,000 mg of L-ascorbic acid, in terms of administrating amounts (doses) per day.

9. (currently amended): The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, which is used-a composition for whitening skin.

10. (currently amended): The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, which is used-a composition for preventing and/or treating pigmentations.

11. (previously presented): The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein its dosage form is an oral administration preparation.

12. (currently amended): A method of whitening skin, which comprises administering (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof and (ii) L-cysteine, a derivative thereof or a salt thereof.

13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A method of whitening skin, which comprises administering (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof, (ii) L-cysteine, a derivative thereof or a salt thereof and (iii) L-ascorbic acid, a derivative thereof or a salt thereof.

15. (canceled).